GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – MA&UD Department – Palakol Municipality - Allegations of irregularities committed by Sri Ch.Maraiah, the then Revenue Officer (now retd.,) of Palacole Municipality regarding non collection of Market lease during the year 2013-14 and caused financial loss in the categories of daily market, weekly market and goat slaughter house to the Palakole Municipality – Inquiry conducted - Imposing a penalty of "Withholding of 3% monthly pension for a period of (2) years"– Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.10 **Dated:04.01.2024**

Read the following:

1. From the Director of Municipal Administration, AP, in Letter Roc.No. 760/2016/C1, dt.22.04.2017.
2. G.O.Rt.No.493, MA & UD (Vig.II) Dept., dated 17.07.2017.
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.495, dated 17.07.2017 of MA & UD (Vig.II) Department.
4. WSD of Sri Ch.Maraiah, the then RO, dt:27.09.2017, received through the Director of M.A., A.P., Lr. Roc.No.760/2016/C1, dated 11.10.2017
5. G.O.Rt.No.38, MA & UD (Vig.I) Dept., dt:21.01.2019
6. Inquiry report received from Sri G.Naga Raju, the then RDMA, Rajamahendravaram & Inquiry Officer, Letter Roc.No.669/2015/A3, dt:21.05.2021.
7. Govt. Memo.No.569758/Vig.I/2017, dt:28.07.2021.
8. Written representation of Sri Ch.Maraiah, RO (Retd.,), dt:27.12.2022.
9. Govt. Memo.No.569758/Vig.I/2017, dt:22.09.2022 (SCN)
10. Explanation of Sri Ch.Maraiah, RO (Retd.,), dt:27.12.2022.
11. Govt., Letter No.569758/Vig.II/2017/A1(E-202469), Dated.31.08.2023.
12. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No.GAD03 – APPS0DCC/101/2023 – DC.SEC-APPSC(Computer No.2234231), Dated :05.12.2023.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government vide reference 1st read above, that Sri Ch.Maraiah, the then Revenue Officer (now retd.,) of Palacole Municipality and (6) others have committed certain irregularities by not collecting Market lease during the year 2013-14 and caused financial loss in the categories of daily market, weekly market and goat slaughter house to the Palakole Municipality.

2. In the reference 2nd read with 3rd read above, among others, the Government initiated departmental proceedings under Rule-20 of AP civil services (C.C.A) rules, 1991 by issuing articles of charges against Ch.Maraiah, the then Revenue Officer (now retd.,) of Palacole Municipality, West Godavari District with a direction to submit his Written Statement of Defence within (15) days. In the reference 4th read above, the Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., furnished written statement of defense submitted by Ch.Maraiah, the then Revenue Officer (now retd.,).

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3. Having not convinced with the explanation of the charged officer, the Government appointed Inquiry Authority to inquire into the charges framed against all the seven (7) charged officers in the reference 5th read above. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiry Authority submitted Inquiry Report and concluded that all the (2) charges framed against Ch.Maraiah, the then Revenue Officer (now retd.,) of Palacole Municipality were held "partly proved" in the Inquiry.

4. Government after examining the inquiry report in detail, communicated a copy of enquiry report vide reference 7th read above to Ch.Maraiah, the then Revenue Officer (now retd.,), under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991 and directed him to submit written representation, if any, on the findings of the enquiry report. In the reference 8th read above, Ch.Maraiah, the then Revenue Officer (now retd.,), has submitted his written representation wherein he had requested the Govt., to drop charges framed against him.

5. Government after careful examination of the matter and keeping in view of the findings of inquiry report and written representation, have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "Withholding of 3% monthly pension for a period of (2) years" against Sri Ch.Maraiah, the then Revenue Officer (now retd.,) as his written representation is nothing but reiteration of points raised before the Inquiring Authority and there are no valid points to consider his representation and issued a show cause notice, calling for explanation as to why the said penalty cannot be imposed against him under Rule-9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980, vide reference 9th read above. In reply, Sri Ch.Maraiah, the then Revenue Officer (now retd.,) has submitted his explanation vide reference 10th read above and requested to drop further action against him.

6. Government have examined the written representation of the Charged officer; keeping in view the Inquiry Report and found that there are no new grounds put forth by the Charged Officer. After careful examination of the matter and after following due procedure, it has been decided to impose a penalty of "Withholding of 3% monthly pension for a period of (2) years" against Sri Ch.Maraiah, the then Revenue Officer (now retd..).

7. Government vide reference 11th read above have requested the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada, to convey the concurrence of the Commission to the said Government's Proposal. In the reference 12th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada, has informed that the Commission has agreed with the proposal of the Government, to impose a penalty of "Withholding of 3% monthly pension for a period of (2) years" against Sri Ch.Maraiah, the then Revenue Officer (now retd..) of Palacole Municipality.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided to confirm the penalty of "withholding of 3% monthly pension for a period of (2) years" against Sri Ch.Maraiah, the then Revenue Officer (now retd.,) of Palacole Municipality, in terms of Rule 9 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

9. Accordingly, the Government hereby impose a major penalty of "withholding of 3% monthly pension for a period of (2) years" against Sri Ch.Maraiah, the then Revenue Officer (now retd.,) of Palacole Municipality, in terms of Rule 9 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

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10. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, AP. Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

11. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y. SRILAKSHMI
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The Commissioner and Director of Municipal Administration, A.P, Mangalagiri
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The Commissioner, Palacole Municipality, Erstwhile West Godavari District.
Sf/Sc (E 202469).

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER.